

CONVICT FISH IN LUCK.

HIS SENTENCE COMMUTED.

In View of the Arguments Brought to Bear, President Cleveland Has Mercy on the Ex-President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The president has commuted the sentence of James D. Fish, formerly president of the Marine National Bank of New York, who was convicted in April, 1885, of misappropriating the funds of that bank and sentenced June 27, 1885, to ten years imprisonment in the state prison at Auburn, N. Y., upon the first count of the indictment, with the statement that judgment for a like punishment will be entered upon conviction had under other counts of this indictment. The president's endorsement in the case is as follows: "This convict is 69 years of age. Prior to his conviction he was trusted and respected by all who knew him, and his dealings with his fellow men, both in business and social life, had been such as to secure confidence and esteem. He is a native of New York, and his pardon, taken of the application for his pardon, there is no occasion to refer to the nature of his offense, not to comment upon the evidence upon which his conviction rests, further than to suggest that this is a case in which the actual and virtual intent to defraud depended upon influences somewhat uncertain. I have rarely, if ever, seen a petition for executive clemency signed so numerously as the one presented in this case. The prisoner since his conviction has aided the administration of criminal law by giving valuable testimony upon the trial of another offender. He has endured his imprisonment thus far with the fortitude and resolution of a soldier and has been scrupulously obedient to all the prison rules and regulations. Medical reports produced before me fully substantiate the fact that with advanced age and serious disability, and by reason of his confinement, he is in a state of physical and mental debility, and I am satisfied that he will not survive his imprisonment if much longer continued. Every object of mercy to be obtained by the punishment of crime will be accomplished, in my opinion, by the commutation of this sentence to imprisonment for a term of five years and six months, with an allowance of diet for good conduct. Such commutation is therefore granted."

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